

## Fee for Service Rate Methodology Workgroup

### MEETING NOTES

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**Date:** February 21, 2006 (Tuesday)  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Capitol Common - Conference Room E  
400 S. Pine  
Lansing, MI 48933  
**Attendees:** Ellen Blackwell (via conference call), Michael DeVault, Bud Ferguson, Linda Garvin, Julie Greenway, Toni Hornberger, Tammy Hurlbert, Sean Huse, Ed Kemp, Thomas Koepke, Terry Latimer, Maryann Lorkowski, Deb Marshall, Kathy Merry, Pam O'Farrell, Liz Patrick, Susan Powell, Robert Readler, Jane Reagan, John Shaughnessy (via conference call), Jeff Siegel, Michelle Simmons, Carol Sink, Linda Sowle, Dave Stirdivant, Toni Sturgis  
**Handouts:** CMS Audiologist Qualifications  
CMS ASHA Response  
CMS Dear State Medicaid Director Letter  
CMS Comments on Michigan SPA (2/14/06)  
PCG ICR Handout  
MAISA Letter  
For internal use only – Louisiana SBS State Plan pages and Michigan SBS State Plan pages

Highlighted areas are tasks to be completed prior to next meeting.

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➤ **CMS Central Office Conference Call – Ellen Blackwell, Division of Benefits & Coverage**

The conference call was held to reiterate from CMS Central Office their concerns and issues with the coverage sections of our School Based Services state plan pages.

- General coverage issues:
  - Identify what group of services will be provided to what 1905 (a) category the services will be under. Some options of the 1905 (a) categories are:
    - Special Rehabilitative Services – The state must prove that any services covered under this section are restorative in nature (mental health services can be left here but other services would be questionable).
    - Regular State Plan Pages – The state can move the services out into the applicable pages of the state plan coverage sections.
    - EPSDT (Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment) – The state can move the services under the EPSDT coverage section. We would lose coverage for those individuals from age 21 - 26. We could cover all medically necessary services in this section.
  - Must define "under the supervision of".
    - This can be done by providing CMS a copy of the state practice act (for Michigan the Public Health Code).
  - Coverage sections must be approved first before reimbursement section can be approved.
- Covered provider issues:
  - Providers must meet minimum requirements if federal regulations.
  - Where there are no federal regulations for the provider category the state must obtain an equivalency ruling for the Attorney Generals Office.
  - John Shaughnessy requested an example of an equivalency letter from CMS.
- Developmental testing:

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- CMS does not understand how this could be a 1905 service.
    - State must reference 1905 service category this would fit under.
- Nursing:
  - Nursing services are not a covered service anywhere else in our State Plan.
  - If the services are provided free to some students they must not be charged to Medicaid.
- Personal Care Services:
  - First this service must be provided in the home. Unless the state wishes to submit a state plan amendment to allow the service to be provided in the “community” setting. This might be remedied by transferring the services under EPSDT.
- Target Group:
  - This is only applicable for Case Management services and does not apply to other services.
- CMS is promulgating a policy on “free care”.

### ➤ Non ICR Administrative Costs

- Unallowable costs:
  - 232 – includes cost of general government
  - 249
  - 281 – now included in MDE indirect rate
  - 282 – now included in MDE indirect rate
  - 285 – now included in MDE indirect rate
  - 289
- Allowed costs:
  - 241
    - Fund codes 11 & 22
- PCG will write up ICR methodology for submission to CMS.

### ➤ SE-4096 Form Update

- There were only a couple of issues that Diane Easterling had with the form.
  - She would like the black out removed from column 2 for the aides.
  - She would still like to see the additional information needs on a supplemental form so that it is separate from the original SE-4096.

### ➤ FERPA Update

- Jane was unable to present our issue at the Data Policy Committee meeting. She will continue to pursue the issue with MDE staff.

### ➤ ICR Update

- Per an email from Helen McNamara.
  - A meeting was held at MDE to discuss the proposal for the creation of a Medicaid Indirect Cost Rate.
  - Elaine Madigan supported the request but also indicated that staffing/money and logistics would still need to be determined and she would need to verify that there would be no adverse affect on the School Lunch program.
- Next step will be for Elaine to talk to Mike Flannigan (State Superintendent).

### ➤ Next meetings:

- March 21, 2006 1:00-3:00
- April 18, 2006 1:00-3:00
- May 23, 2006 1:00-3:00
- July 25, 2006 1:00-3:00
- August 22, 2006 1:00-3:00
- November 28, 2006 1:00-3:00